Mid-America Service Committee of NA PO Box 8732 Wichita, Kansas 67202-8732 May 18, 2003



Tony K. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Steve D. read the 12 Traditions and Michael S. read the 12 Concepts. Introductions were made all around followed by roll call.

Area's represented by RCM's today: Central KS, Fellowship for Freedom, Just for Today, Miracle, Primary Purpose, Unity, Western, Wichita Metro.

Subcommittees present today: Activities, Campout, Convention, H&I, Literature, Outreach, P.O. Box, Steering

Officers present today: RD, Alt. RD, Treasurer (substitute Debbie S.), Secretary, Regional Co-chair, Regional Chair

Attendance: It is my sincere hope that the following information is correct. However, I have included a photocopy of the sign-in sheet for you to cross check with.

There was a change of order of the day to elect a secretary. Becky B. and Kirk B. were nominated. Kirk B. was elected.

Regional Treasurer's Report

Feb. 18, 2003

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AREA REPORTS:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello Friends for CKA,

The Central Kansas Area put on a function for a regional fundraiser. All went well and the money was turned over to campout. We are having our annual campout May 30th, May 31, and June 1, 2003. Flyers are on the table. The location is Lucas Group Park at Wilson lake. The Chili Bowl XIV is in the planning! The interim meeting is scheduled during the CKA campout at 3pm under a shade tree. If you are interested in serving on this committee, show up!!

Other activities in this area in planning stages are: Hoisington Keep Coming Back group's annual day in the park is scheduled for June 21st and Larned's annual rib feed is scheduled for Sept. 20th with an H&I and P.I. workshops.

CKA voted yes to endorse the idea of a US delegate assembly, We have a donation of \$100.00 this RSC.

Grateful to Serve, Dusty C., CKA-RCM

Fellowship For Freedom:

Hello NA Family,

My name is William and my sponsor just told me I had to write this report last night so if it's a mess blame him.

Our area is the FFF area, Fellowship For Freedom in Topeka.

We had the Miracle on Anderson group joined our area and we are overjoyed to have them.

We also have 3 activities this month. The HUGS group's having a BBQ May 22nd from 6-9 pm at Shawnee Lake shelter house number 4.

Better Way's having a BBQ June 24th at 1235 SE Bellview from 6-9 pm.

Gift of Life also is having a 10 yr. Anniversary BBQ may 24th from 5:30-10:30 pm at Garfield park on South porch.

The convention committee's also working hard to assure that next year's convention is a success.

We're carrying the NA message in Topeka and its good and strong.

H&I is going well, could be stronger. We still need more commitments back were getting there. All in all FFF area is going strong and getting stronger.

Thank you for letting me be of service, William H. FFF-RCM

JFT RCM Report to the Region:

We have been working on developing some policy guidelines and that is going fairly well. We, hopefully will have policies voted in at our next area meeting. As our area's policy committee chair, it has definitely been a learning experience! I would like to thank the Outreach Chair and committee members who came to our area meetings in March. Their input was very much appreciated. The Area MARSCNA fundraiser was a huge success and we were able to raise \$1030.00 and was given to the convention committee.

The Area Mirror of Miracles Campout is August 8th ,9th ,& 10th. (Flyer available) @ Big Hill Lake in Cherryvale, Ks. It is a FREE campout! Hope to see you there.

Our Outreach Chair has been doing great job at visiting all our groups in the Area. It is quite a job. Thanks to Scott W!

Love & Service, April S. JFTa-RCM

Miracle Area:

The Miracle Area continues to be alive and well. We celebrated ten years as an Area in March and had great attendance. Each Group in the Area had a representative share what the Area has meant to him or her during his/her recovery. The night was informative and rewarding to all that I have talked about it. It is hoped that in another ten years we will be celebrating our twentieth anniversary as an Area.

Our subcommittee attendance has gone down since we lost or got rid of the clubhouse. This may be due to the loss of the clubhouse or it may be due to the normal fluctuations we see in service commitments. Time will tell. One positive aspect of the loss of the clubhouse has been at the Group level. Groups are taking on distinctive personalities thus giving addicts a greater variety of meetings to choose from. While we had the clubhouse and most of the Lawrence meetings were happening there, they slowly became more and more alike. It was hard to tell what Group was holding any given meeting. Today there is a much greater variety and this is probably a good thing for the addict who is coming off of the street looking to get clean. I think that the greater variety means a greater likelihood of finding a meeting he/she can connect with.

Upcoming events include:

- 1.) A day in the park planned for May 25th @ the park located at 31st and Louisiana. This is on the south side of Lawrence. It will start in the morning and last the day. (If no one is there when you arrive, hang out-someone will be there before the day is over.) ((Probably!!!)
- 2.) In June we will be having a campout at the Douglas County State Fishing Lake. This will be combined with a PI learning day's. More will be revealed at an undisclosed future date!

There will be other events in and around Lawrence during the next quarter-I just don't know what they are at this time. We will try to get them on the unofficial newsletter as well as getting flyers out as they become known. Keep your eyes and ears open for these exciting events as you sure don't want to miss an opportunity to visit Lawrence, Leavenworth or the fair city of Baldwin City KS!!!!!!!!

In Loving Service, Kirk Brown

Primary Purpose:

Hi Family,

There's a lot going on in PPA. We have a lot of activities going on in the next several month. The Newton H.O.W. pre-campout campout at Harvey County West Park. May 23-25. Gift of Life, Hutchinson, is having a campout June 13-15 at Harvey West, east side. And Flying Free, McPherson is hosting a July 4th campout July 3-6, Harvey West, east side. Our Area is also having our 2nd annual spiritual retreat September 12-14. More will be revealed. At our last area meeting, Wendi L. was elected policy chair, and our area will be revisiting its policy in the following months. PPA voted yes on the U.S. delegate Assembly motion. Looking forward to a great summer.

In Loving Service, Jon Mc.

Unity Area:

The Unity Area is undergoing numerous changes. Manhattan has left Unity area and joined FFF. While we are saddened by this loss, people that haven't been involved for a while have stepped up to fill positions and be a part of. I am now the RCM, Wendee K. is secretary, John W. is PI chair, and Rick Z. is policy chair. We wish MOA the best and thank them for everything they have done. Enthusiasm is high in Unity Area! Out computer for the phone line is now working and the phone number is (866)NA-HELPS. PI has lots of ideas: flyer drives, PSA's, and creating our own meeting lists. We are also excited about the possibility of hosting the 2005 convention.

In Service, Jeanie M.

Western Area:

Hello Mid America Family,

We are still Alive and Kickin' in Western Area. We finally had more than four groups show up for May business meeting. We had nine out of seventeen groups there and we had one more group come into the area bringing our area to eighteen groups. Welcome Bazine, "Breaking the Chains".

We have a new P.I. subcommittee chair, Gary D. from Garden City. Area Outreach is to draft a letter to groups who have not been attending area to either send a GSR or group report so we know they are still alive and to make sure meeting places and times are correct and a contact number. Our area campout is at Meade Lake State Park, July 18th to 20th. There is no running water or electricity available, so come prepared. Our new P.S.A. tapes were made and are ready to go on the radio.

Grateful to be of Service, Tom W. Western Area-RCM.

Wichita Metro Area RCM Report:

We had elections last month, area co-chair, RCM, RCM alt., Secretary. Would like to thank all trusted servants for their service this last year and welcome all new servants stepping up. Many members of the area are looking forward to convention upcoming in doo-dah! H&I is getting men and women panels together to go into Sg. County Jail. Literature committee has given a large print basic text and It Works: How and Why for signatures, favorite passages high-lighted and quotes over the next year and will present them to the convention in 2004.

We have 5 groups represented at area. Had an area campout first weekend in May. Unity group had a MARCNA fundraiser, Day by Day group had a fun in sun & sundown dog roast and 2nd annual May Daze dance. Unity group is planning a dance at their hall May 31st and Day by Day is planning a volleyball tournament at Watson Park in middle of June (more will be revealed). Augusta group is moving to new location for same meeting schedule.

The area continuyes to endorse the Plains States Zonal proposal for the formulation for the US delegate assembly. Motion to move the RSC to Perkins was brought up but dropped as not thought to be motion taken back to groups.

Loving service & Kisses, Brent K.

End or Area Reports.

Subcommittee Reports

Activities Report:

We open the meeting at 11:00. Six Areas were there and the report was read. Unity Day is Sat. with the McPherson group. The GSR Assembly is September 20, 2003 at the SOS group in McPherson. The schedule has been set and everyone has been lined up for it. We need everyone's help!

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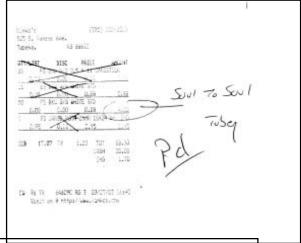
At the next fund-raiser goes to Activities, we need stuff for it. So if you got it please bring it. We got a good speaker.

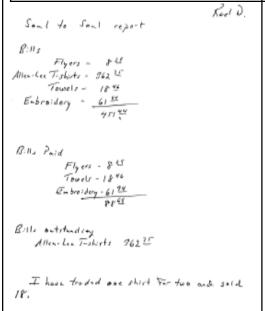
Soul to Soul is going good. They are going to have a good one this year. The fund-raiser auction raised \$334.00 and raffle I do not know. I'm waiting on a phone call to let me know about it.

I have all the receipts for Soul to Soul turned in and I will be leaving early because I got to go to work today. My Co-chair will take over for me.

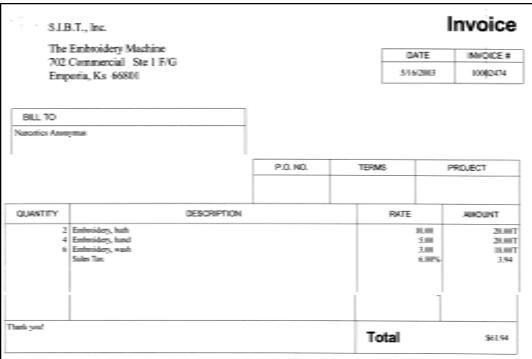
Love, Dave R.

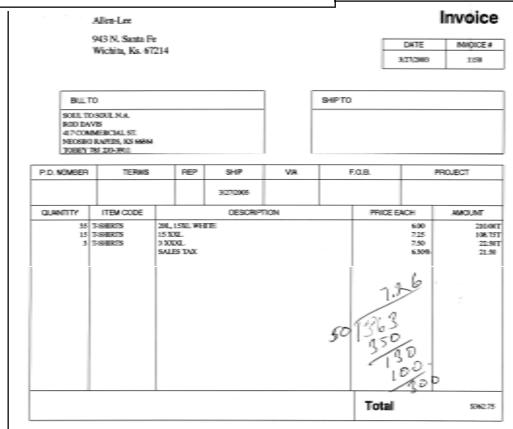
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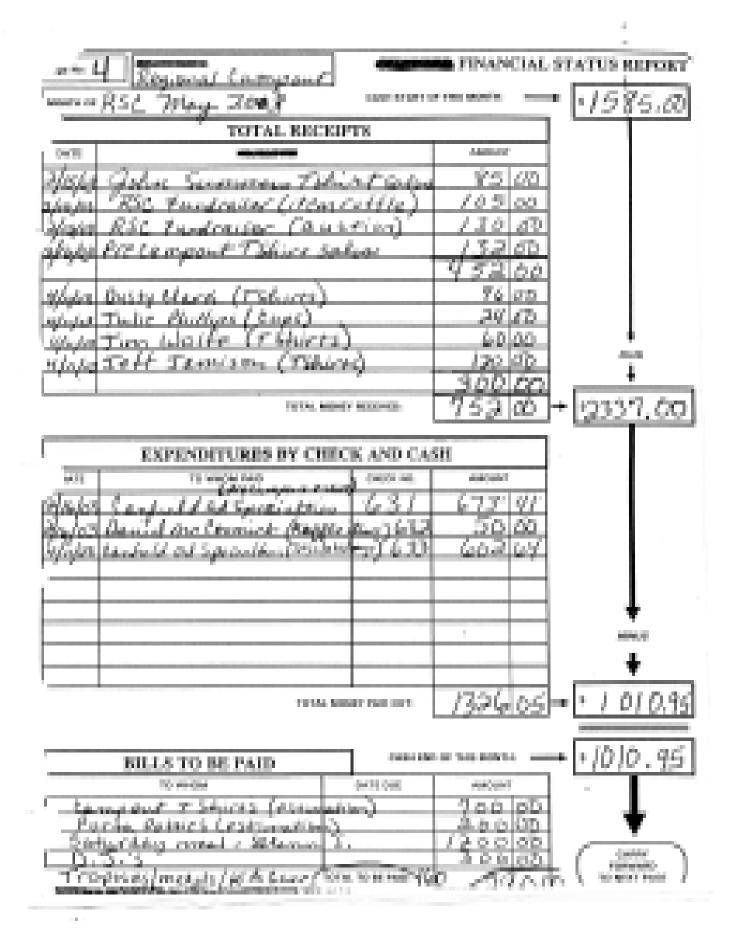


Campout Committee:

Hello NA Family,

Sorry I'm unable to be here. The campout committee has been hard to work and everything seems to be falling into place. The speakers are lined up, the meals are arranged and the fames are planned. We have a new game this year called the washer toss. Come see, it's lots of fun. Campout shirts are being made. We have insulated mugs and pre-campout shirts for sell (see John S.) We'll be having Karaoke on Saturday night. We look forward to a big turn out for this Silver Anniversary of the Regional Campout.

In Loving Service, Russ P.



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Mid-America Region Compout NA Pri. & Sat. Evening Dinner 2003

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BBQ Beef Brisket	6 pkgs.	\$60.00
Hamburger buns	50 pkgs.	\$40.00
Hot dog buns	12 pkgs.	\$10,00
Potato salad—1/2 gallon containers *	6	\$24,00
Baked beans—gallon cans	6 cans	\$24.00
Barbeque sauce	5 bottles	\$15.00
Potato chips	8 bags	\$12,00
Mustard	3 bottles	\$ 3.00
Ketchup	3 bottles	\$ 6.00
Pickles, onions, relish, salt, pepper		\$20,00
Dessertcookies, cobbler, watermalons, cant	elopes	\$60.00
Plates	2 pkgs.	\$20,00
Plastic ware	3 boxes	\$40.00
Ice	20 bags	\$60.00
Gumbo supplies- Chicken breasts, okra, corn, a	stc.	\$100.00
Bowls	300	\$30.00
Rice	12 boxes	\$20.00
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Anything I forgot		\$24.00
Total		\$1,200.00

Will need check for \$1200.00 made out to Slenn Smith at end of campout. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Submitted by "Have Barbegue, Will Travel" or Glenn S.

Convention Report:

Hello family,

MARCNA XX is officially over but due to problems and issues throughout the year, I regretfully report that for the first time since I've been coming to Regional Conventions or Service Meetings, it failed to not only make money, but left two outstanding debts after the close. A detailed Treasurer's report will be attached to this report, but the bottom line is at the close of the Convention April 6th, this committee was (\$3547.61) in the hole. Since that time, certain members have pitched in and sold merchandise totaling \$1203.40 which leaves this committee with an outstanding debt of (\$2344.41). This number and that in the report will differ as we have received monies up through last night. As a result of the monies brought in and what remained in the account, one of the debts has been completely paid off. The other is dependent on the Region at this point. Now for solutions, I have made arrangements for volunteers from Wichita to participate in the alternative store while at the World Convention in San Diego to liquidate merchandise. Also, certain members have been contracting merchandise out to sell in their home groups or area meetings. Merchandise is also available during this meeting at breaks.

Now for the problems and issues that related to this outcome. There were issues of accountability with the first Fundraising Chair; an ongoing inventory could not be presented of the special auction items set out for fund-raising. When the first Fund-raising Chair was voted out due to lack of attendance, we were at a point of starting from scratch. Other issues were two other members being voted off due to lack of attendance, one of which was re-voted back in on a probationary period. We had multiple problems with registration flyers being created and distributed; many people didn't even see one until the convention. The registration flyers that were created were hard to follow on pricing and some came in underpaying for what they marked. And finally on registration, it wasn't open enough Friday night or Saturday morning and missed getting people registered. There were multiple problems with Merchandising, the pre-logo mugs never shouldn't of been approved, even after the full shipment came in, it should have been immediately sent back. During an argument over pockets or no pockets on the final T-shirts, it was blurted out to "just get a gross of each", when you think about it, 288 shirts is almost more than the total attendance, a mere 292 this year! Cost pricing on certain items came back more than reported, especially the "Fire balls". But most importantly in Merchandising, the mentality I have witnessed over the past few years has been immortal, no matter who has been on the committees, the thinking that "it doesn't matter what or how much we order, it'll sell" attitude has clashed with a tough economy and left us with a crisis. Other problems came in the form of new ownership of the hotel that didn't like our contract; bad judgment on selecting Friday's Entertainment; over budgeting places with costs that couldn't recoup like registration packet material and Hospitality room snacks. All these contributed with the lowest number of registrations in over 10 years, extreme low number of banquet and brunch's, and lack of sales including Friday's auction.

In N.A. service, it's easy to set back and allow members of a certain committee to visibly make mistakes, because we are all equal as Committee Chairs, unfortunately, which was the case here. I, as Chair, witnessed many "wrong" decisions and bad judgments. I also allowed a certain member who really didn't want to be there railroad decisions just to speed up the meetings. Many of the ordering decisions came from that process.

Now for the good part, this being our twentieth anniversary, the Programming came together to create a very spiritual weekend filled with Mid-America Region and Narcotics Anonymous history. After the devastation and shock of the financial situation somewhat wore off, I was able to go back and listen to the speaker CD's and start looking into solutions instead of self pity. Money will continue to trickle in to the region from sales efforts across the State and MARCNA XXI will be in full planning force, hopefully with more knowledge and caution. At this time, I am pleased to introduce Pat B. as Convention's nomination for MARCNA 21's Chair. Not as many positions were elected as hoped, only because of time restraints, but Jeannie M. was elected as Co-Chair and Debby S. was elected as Treasurer. The remainder of positions will be elected June 15th 1:30 p.m. 216 S. Main right here in McPherson. I am requesting that Mid-America Region pay the remaining bill of \$2,344.41 and work toward a speedy recovery as sales from remaining merchandise continue to flow in. As a last note, I am grateful to have served once again, this was my sixth convention committee over a 10 year period and I have been humbled by it's results.

Gratefully Serving,



Secretary's note:

There was much discussion after Tim gave his report. Some people were concerned that we had lost focus on our primary purpose. Other discussion focused on what could be done to eleminate the chance of a financial loss like this from happening again. Two of the suggestions along these lines were

- A) Create a board of directors to oversee the convention committee. This board would have among other powers the power to control spending.
- B) Cut down the size/amount of merchandise and open the merchandise room up to campout, Soul to Soul and the Areas to use to sell items.

M.A.R.C.N.A.

Tentative Timeline for April Convention

All Committee Members should have been elected @ May R.S.C., if not, add to June, July, etc.)

June

Theme

Signature card – Set up banking acct.

Contact #'s for flyers

P.O. Box

Meeting place and time

Inventory of merchandise for fund-raising

August-R.S.C.

Menu and prices (finalize catering contract)

Preregistration date & cost

Mail pre-flyers

Contact Convention Bureau for packets

October

1st draft of program

Registration flyer designed

December

Vendor's contracts signed (tapers, jewelry, etc.)
Registration packet merchandise ordered
Final selection & transportation for speakers
"Official Hugger" shirts (or apron) ordered
Final draft of program sent to printer

February-R.S.C.

Start on registration packets Monies for Hospitality room Request sent out for Basic Texts (again). July

Speaker tapes/feedback pre-flyer designed

September

Calendar for fund-raisers T-shirt/Sweat shirt order (pre-design) Final design approved

November-R.S.C.

Bids for entertainment Registration flyers mailed Banner design Request sent out for Basic Texts

January

Cover letter to treatment centers
Preregistration shirts/cups ordered
Speaker travel expense paid
Entertainment voted on – (if not done already)
Order all remaining merchandise

March

Tour Motel
Monies needed to start – (Merchandising Room, etc.)
Tie up any loose ends!

The next five pages are financial reports for the convention committee.

M.A.R.C.N.A. Registrations				
Year	Quantity	Location		
1993	???	McPherson		
1994	???	Great Bend		
1995	420	Salina		
1996	428	Hutchinson		
1997	440	Dodge City		
1998	380	Lawrence		
1999	413	Hutchinson		
2000	335	Great Bend		
2001	412	Hutchinson		
2002	413	Great Bend		
2003	292	Dodge City		
2004		Wichita		
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Literature Report:

Hi Family,

Well, a lot happened in our sub committee meeting yesterday. There were six areas represented; Unity, Miracle, Central, Wichita Metro, Just for Today and Primary Purpose. There were 8 addicts present. There were five positions open and five were filled as follows;

Newsletter Editor: John Mc.
Co-Editor: Michael S.
Secretary: Dan S.
Co-Chair: Jim W.

Chair: Tim S, nominated by the committee.

There was much discussion about the newsletter and it's future and all I can say is we need input. All areas represented reported that their literature committees are doing great. Please all RCM's take back to your areas that the MAN needs fellowship support in order to continue. I cannot emphasize this enough.

INPUT FOR THE MAN IS VERY IMPORTANT

That's all I have at this time,

Jon Mc.

Ps-Committee also discussed having MAN editor position as a sub committee elected positions that does not need to come to the

Re: February 2000 Motion: The MAN be removed from roll call list at region. Reason: MAN is a subcommittee of the literature committee and has a voice on the floor through that committee already.

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The M.A.N. Report:

Greetings and Salutations,

We didn't have a Newsletter this quarter due to a lack of material. Although I had material left over from the previous quarter, it was not enough for a second issue and I only received two articles.

I have stepped down as the M.A.N. Editor and Jon Mc has assumed those duties. Thank you <u>so</u> much for the last 4 years. The rewards have been beyond belief and the enjoyment I have derived has been wonderful.

Please continue to make contributions to the Newsletter....it is <u>your</u> Newsletter. I'm sure that Jon will do a good job for us and thus I have no qualms about stepping down.

You can reach the new M.A.N. editor at:

John McNeely 3117 N. Walnut Hutchinson KS 67502 PH# 620-633-9367 E-mail: onboy@cox.net

Thank you again.
Peace & love
(Old Hippie Talk)
Kirk B.

H & I Chair Report:

The Learning Day in Salina went well. I would like to thank everybody that facilitated a workshop. I also thank the people in the Unity Area for all of their hard work in securing a location, providing food and support. Thank you.

I returned \$115.88 to the treasurer and a receipt for \$24.12 I spend on food. I also turned in \$50.00 from T-shirt sales and a receipt for \$30.00 for secretarial expenses.

The sub-committee still needs a Co-chair. No willingness was shown and the sub-committee meeting.

The Committee voted on and passed our 2003 Regional project. We are trying to get a spot at the State Sheriff's Association meeting and give them a P.I. and H&I presentation. It was suggested that we look into giving a presentation to the Governor, State probation officers, Judge's Association, etc.

We also spent a lot of time talking about ways to increase the number of people who do H & I work. **If the Project goes through for the Sheriff's Association, we will need to get literature out of the storage shed before the next region.

We had \$1,900.00 budgeted last year spent \$1,455.00, leaving \$445.00 unspent.

In service, Michael S

Outreach Report:

Friends,

Yesterdays Outreach sub-committee meeting was very reductive. We discussed, organized (ha ha) and arranged getting a copy of the group histories to each of the groups in the region, plus one to each group in the geographical boundaries of Kansas that may not be affiliated with any area within our region. We will also be sending 25 copies with Brent to the World Convention Alternative Store. I still have many copies for sale @ \$2.00 each if you're interested, but they're going fast.

We will also be purchasing a large print Basic Text and sending to around to groups for them to sign and pass on to another group, hopefully reaching every group before being returned to us at the May 2004 RSC. Please keep it going and visit those group outside your home group.

Please take back to your groups that the positions of Outreach Chair, Co-Chair and secretary will be open at the August 2003 RSC. I also need each RCM to tell me the number of groups in their area and pick up the group histories for each group.

PS: Michael S and I will be visiting Central Kansas Area and Western Area business meeting during the month of July.

In Service, Steve D. Outreach Chair

PO Box:

Dear Family,

We received the NA Way, World Pool Resumes, and assorted flyers, a letter from the hotel in Great Bend, and the convention packet from the Hyatt Hotel in Wichita.

In Loving Service,

John S

PI Regional Sub-committee:

This is my first regional as PI Chair and I was 15 minutes late.

We had a good sub-committee yesterday. Miracle area will have a learning day in late July. Miracle will have a PI presentation upcoming around June 10th in Lawrence. Unity Area's phone line is up and running. They are also going to do a flyer drive to all surrounding cities. Wichita Metro will also be doing a flyer drive this summer. Phone line is working well and will expand to a hotline. Also if you have meeting list changes today please submit them to me so I can turn them in. We also discussed how to recruit new volunteers for service work. I have regional meeting lists today and will get them out to the RCM's by end of business today. We have a request for \$300.00 for meeting list and wallet cards. We did not get wallet cards this time around but will have them next region. I turned in receipt for meeting lists and a credit of \$109and some change. Also there has been a request that information from subcommittees on upcoming events go on the official web page as well as the newsletter.

Grateful to Serve, Becky B., Regional PI chair

Ps: Michael S., Chair for H&I cane to PO subcommittee with a motion for project and wanted PI to help.

Motion was: Presentation by H&I and PI to state Sheriff's Association. Would like PI to open and then H&I would follow, more will be revealed. Voted and passed.

Thanks, Becky B.

Steering Committee Report

I would like to say thanks to Sue for her service. Steering Committee would like to recommend Jeff R to fill the open spot on the Steering committee.

The committee makes the following motions:

- 1. To change policy XI Section E to read "yearly, all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted are forwarded to NAWS at the end of the fiscal year".
- 2. For the Regional floor to put into policy that "the Regional Co-treasurer to have the same qualifications as the Regional Treasurer".
 - 3. That the proposed Outreach policy to be recommended to be added to policy.

See Attached Proposal.

These above motions will need to be taken back to group for votes.

The Steering Committee recommends that the MARCNA 2005 Convention be held

in Salina, Kansas.

It was brought to the Steering Committee's attention that a flyer had a flag in the NA Service Symbol. A few people thought it was inappropriate. We, as the Steering Committee, discussed it but the Regional floor has not directed the Steering Committee to look into it. We also feel each group is autonomous (flyer attached).

We are asking for reimbursement of \$110.00 for the printing costs of the policy manuals.

Also, our interim meeting is at Wilson Lake at the Regional Campout on Saturday June 28, 2003 @ 12 noon at the cooks camp. Everybody is welcome..come join in.

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- 4. A willingness and desire to serve.
- 5. Time and resources to fulfill the committment.

Co-Chair Requirements:

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RD Report

Dear Family,

Not much to report this quarter. I received a packet from the human resources panel-only 280 or so addicts have submitted the new form (difficult to fill out but more accurate, once you get it right-took me 3 tries)

I also received packets containing details from the worldwide workshops in Philadelphia and Austin earlier this year. Sounds like all went well.

I have received a few calls from addicts in our region concerning different situations but generally concerns the LACK OF COMMUNICATION within the areas. Groups joining other areas, groups at odds with each other, individuals seeking support with none given, etc. What's up with this?

Out lack of communication is the cause of most of our problems. This is also evident at the regional level; the creation of problems that affect us all can't persist. (i.e. accurate flyers for MARCNA XX)

We aren't doing our jobs-we aren't practicing a lot of the basic principles of this fellowship. (acceptance, unity, fellowship, responsible leadership, principles before personalities and so on) and yet we'll say we're doing it the NA WAY-We aren't – YET Debbie and I will be attending the next zonal in Des Moines, June 21 & 22, 2003 and have provided a flyer.

On the road again.

Thanks for letting me serve, John III

This concludes the subcommittee reports. I would like to take a moment to thank the Ladies who took the time and effort at the Region to type both the Area and subcommittee reports. The time and effort that they saved me is tremendous.

Elections

Regional Delegate: John S. was renominated and reelected.
 Alt. Regional Delegate: Debbie S. was renominated and reelected.
 Congratulations!
 Congratulations!

3.) Treasureer: Ted R. was not present (had a graduation to attend) but was renominated

and reelected. Congratulations!

4.) Co-treasurer: We don't have qualifications in place so we tabled this position untill next

quarter. Too Tall made this motion, John S. seconded.

5.) Steering committee: Reelection of Brian H., Wayne M., Too Tall, John S. All were reelected

New Member: The Steering committee nominated Jeff R. and he was elected.

Congratulations!

Elections (continued)

6.) Convention Chair: Greg K. nominated on the floor.

Pat B. nominated in committee.

Greg K. Elected

Becky B. nominated Kirk B. nominated

Kirk B. Elected (I reported this earlier, but felt that it ought to be included here as well.)

Tim S. Nominated out of committee. Elected

Congratulations!

Congratulations!

LUNCH!!

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: Accept the proposed budget: Passed

Motion: To allow the Groups in our Region (Mid-America Region) to endorse or deny the Plains States Zonal's proposal for the formation of the US Delegate assembly. **Passed**

The Tree Incident: This incident is leftover from the convention in 2002. The following is from the August minutes: "Through neglect of the Ramada Inn, Great Bend, Ks. 150 "live" trees were miss-placed throughout the weekend which resulted in no sales during convention. Approximately \$500.00 in cost and \$1200.00 retail." Tim S. reports that:

- a.) He has gotten a response from the Ramada Inn.
- b.) They made numerous calls to Pat B. concerning this issue but received no reply from her. She denies having heard from them.
- c.) Tim will call the Ramada Inn and have a resolution by next RSC.
- d.) Tim was asked how much money he expected to get from the motel. He stated that he hoped to get \$1200.00 but thought that the motel would offer \$500.00. He will work to get as much as he can from a compromise.

Stacy W.: Stacy volunteered to do the minutes for the November 2000 RSC and was given \$100.00 to do them. She did not do the minutes nor has she returned the \$100.00. We have not heard from her since. No resulation to the situation was made at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1.) Motion: Made by convention committee. Pay the debt of \$2,344.41 to Allen-Lee. (outstanding bill from the convention)

Intent: To clear all debt incurred by M.A.R.C.N.A. XX with monies from future merchandise sales of M.A.R.C.N.A. XX directed back to Region.

Passed.

7.) Secretary:

8.) Literature Chair:

2.) Motion: Made by the Miracle Area. To form a U.S. delegate assembly.

Intent: To eliminate U.S. specific business at the W.S.C. To allow this type of business to be done at a venue where solutions can be fully discussed and the human and financial resources can be better allocated.

Financial Impact: Not yet determined. This assembly may reduce the W.S.C. expenses but the donations to N.A. W. S. may also be reduced. No financial help to implement this assembly would be requested from the W.S.C. or N.A.W.S.

Rational: The time involved with U.S. specific business is a drain on the resources available to W.S.C. participants. Most non U.S. delegates have to put up with these items because it involves them when a vote is taken.

With a North American delegate assembly, the solutions to some of the "U.S. specific topics" may come by thoroughly discussing an issue. This communication; the getting and giving input to ideas (good or bad according to who?) who's intent is to help our fellowship and it's members, and potential members is never a bad idea, but some ideas are better dealt with at home in our own groups, areas and regions if not at the Zonal level.

Making work for "all delegates" and the World Board and the W.S.O. staff shouldn't be part of our process. We can do a lot ourselves in a more timely and prudent fashion.

Note from secretary: the original wording of this motion was a "North American delegate assembly". With a consensus of the representatives from the Miracle Area the wording was changed to "U.S. delegate assembly". Although the motion doesn't clearly address it, this motion is a motion to place this in the C.A.R. for vote by the Worldwide Fellowship.

Passed.

*This must go back to Groups

3.) Motion: Made by the Central Kansas Area. That the moving of the RSC be frozen from being brought up for two years unless in an emergency situation.

Intent: To save time that is spent rediscussing the same issue and allow more time to discuss more important issues.

Fails.

4.) Motion: Made by outreach. To direct the M.A.R.C.S.C.N.A. steering committee to look into solutions for eliminating problems with loss of funds from convention, campout and Soul to Soul with the possibility of forming a board of directors or corporation for overseeing these activities.
Intent: To find solutions to the current problems and attitudes within the Region concerning budgeting, fund-raising, and expenses for Regional activities.
The Regional chair (Tony K.) referred this to the steering committee to examine.
5.) Motion: Made by steering committee. (Modified by Tim S. and accepted by steering. I am listing the modified version.) Add "and co-treasurer" to Article IX Section G title.

Intent: To define the qualifications for the co-treasurer.

Passed.

*This must go back to Groups

6.) Motion: Made by steering. To change the policy manual Article XI Sec. E. to read "yearly all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted are to be forwarded to N.A.W.S. at the end of the fiscal year"

Intent: To make the accounting process consistent. We budget on a yearly basis and not a quarterly basis.

Passed.

*This must go back to Groups

7.) Motion: Made by steering committee. To accept proposed outreach policy and add it to the policy manual.

Intent: To have a outreach policy in place.

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- 3. A willingness and desire to serve.
- 4. Time and resources to fulfill the committment.

Passed.

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8.) Motion: Made by John S. seconded by To have the steering committee develope a new process to recieve, report and
distribute funds in our Region.
Intent: To eliminate the "wish list" type of so called budget confusion we've had for years.
The Regional chair (Tony K.) referred this to the steering committee to examine.

9.) Motion: Made by John S. seconded by _____. All merchandise sales up to \$2,344.41 to go to the R.S.C.. The remainder to go to the convention committee.

Intent: To stop this discussion.

Passed.

10.) Motion: Made by Kirk B. seconded by Too Tall. All merchandise seles shall be split 50/50 between the R.S.C. and the convention committee untill the \$2,344.41 owed to the region is paid off. After the debt is paid, all merchandise sales shall go to the convention committee.

Intent: To provide funding for both the convention committee and the R.S.C. while the bill is being paid.

Motion Fails.

11.) Motion: Made by Kirk B. seconded by Brent K. That the prudent reserve be set at \$3,016.91.

Intent: To provide funds to continue the operation of the R.S.C.

Motion Passes.

This concludes the minutes for the May 2003 R.S.C.. I hope that they are adiquate and don't have too many errors in them. I wasn't prepaired to become the secretary when I came to the R.S.C. this quarter and blindsided myself when I volenteered for the position. (I'm still not sure what happened!) I will be more prepaired at the August R.S.C. and should do a better job at that time. In the mean time, Thanks for letting me serve. Your confidence in me is appreciated.

In Loving Service, Kirk Brown

SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2003

9:00 AM 11:00 AM (UP) Literature

(DOWN) H&I

11:00 AM 1:00 AM (UP) Campout

(DOWN) Convention

1:00 PM 2:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM 4:00 PM (UP) Activities

(DOWN) PI

4:00 PM 6:00 PM (UP) Outreach

(DOWN) Steering

7:00 PM 8:00 PM SPEAKER MEETING

8:00 PM 12:00 PM DJ DANCE AUCTION RAFFLE

FUNDRAISER FOR ACTIVITIES \$3 Per Person No Addict Turned Away

SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2003

8:30 AM 9:00 AM RSC CHAIR/COCHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER

RCM'S, ALT RCM'S

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS & COCHAIRS

MOTIONS & REQUESTS

9:00 AM UNTIL DONE REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETS

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS BASIC TEXT page 55 "One of the most profound changes in our lives is in the realm of personal relationships."

TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS

Positions open at the Region:

Outreach

- 1.) Chair
- 2.) Co-Chair
- 3.) Secretary

Motion: Made by the Miracle Area. To form a U.S. delegate assembly.

Intent: To eliminate U.S. specific business at the W.S.C. To allow this type of business to be done at a venue where solutions can be fully discussed and the human and financial resources can be better allocated.

Financial Impact: Not yet determined. This assembly may reduce the W.S.C. expenses but the donations to N.A. W. S. may also be reduced. No financial help to implement this assembly would be requested from the W.S.C. or N.A.W.S.

Rational: The time involved with U.S. specific business is a drain on the resources available to W.S.C. participants. Most non U.S. delegates have to put up with these items because it involves them when a vote is taken.

With a North American delegate assembly, the solutions to some of the "U.S. specific topics" may come by thoroughly discussing an issue. This communication; the getting and giving input to ideas (good or bad according to who?) who's intent is to help our fellowship and it's members, and potential members is never a bad idea, but some ideas are better dealt with at home in our own groups, areas and regions if not at the Zonal level.

Making work for "all delegates" and the World Board and the W.S.O. staff shouldn't be part of our process. We can do a lot ourselves in a more timely and prudent fashion.

Note from secretary: the original wording of this motion was a "North American delegate assembly". With a consensus of the representatives from the Miracle Area the wording was changed to "U.S. delegate assembly". Although the motion doesn't clearly address it, this motion is a motion to place this in the C.A.R. for vote by the Worldwide Fellowship.

Passed.

*This must go back to Groups

Motion: Made by steering committee. (Modified by Tim S. and accepted by steering. I am listing the modified version.) Add "and co-treasurer" to Article IX Section G title.

Intent: To define the qualifications for the co-treasurer.

Passed.

*This must go back to Groups

Motion: Made by steering. To change the policy manual Article XI Sec. E. to read "yearly all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted are to be forwarded to N.A.W.S. at the end of the fiscal year"

Intent: To make the accounting process consistent. We budget on a yearly basis and not a quarterly basis.

Passed.

*This must go back to Groups

Motion: Made by steering committee. To accept proposed outreach policy and add it to the policy manual.

Intent: To have a outreach policy in place.

Proposed Outreach Policy

Purpose: the subcommittee helps keep new and/or isolated Groups and addicts in touch with the mainstream of the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship.

Duties:

- 1) Develope and cordinate outreach projects to support Area outreach efforts.
- 2) Assist other RSC subcommittees in projects when requested.
- 3) It is <u>not</u> thr outreach subcommittees responsibility to start Groups or run existing Groups.

Chair Requirements:

- 1. A suggested minimum of 2 years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. A suggested experience of 1 year ourtreach involvement.
- 4. A willingness and desire to serve.
- 5. Time and resources to fulfill the committment.

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- 3. A willingness and desire to serve.
- 4. Time and resources to fulfill the committment.

Passed.

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IN

DES MOINES, IA

Place: Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church
24th and Cottage Grove
Des Moines, IA

Time: 9:30 A.M. till 3:30 P.M.
Saturday, June 21st, 2003
Sunday, June 22-as needed
Contact: Tim A. 515-341-1083
Lia B. 515-988-8897
Lodging needs please call

Scana H&I Learning Day Saturday June 21ST, 2003 4:00 P.M. till 6:00 P.M.

Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Speaker at 7:30 P.M. Dance at 9:00 - 12:00